

House Resolution No. 1411

Whereas, Mae Clark Gorrell, a treasured resident of Canton, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday with a quiet family celebration in April 2004; and

Whereas, Mae Clark came into this world in Chula, Missouri, on April 23, 1904, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Silas Elisha "Bub" Clark and Elsie Pearl McMurtry Clark, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Mae embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life on August 14, 1926, when she married her beloved Charles Allan Gorrell, a kind and loving gentleman who enjoyed every moment of her company until his departure from this world on February 19, 1984; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mae Gorrell enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a registered nurse, farm wife, and co-owner of a successful country store she operated with her husband; and

Whereas, Mae Gorrell is the oldest living member of Bluff Springs United Methodist Church of Clark County, where she has worshiped since 1927, served on the Building Committee, and enjoyed the honor of receiving the Special Mission Recognition Pin in 1967 from the United Methodist Women; and

Whereas, Mae Gorrell derived a tremendous amount of satisfaction from serving as a member of the Unity Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, answering the community's medical needs, going door-to-door to promote the need for rural electricity, organizing the Better Home Builders Sewing Club and the Primrose Garden Club, traveling to visit relatives, providing students at Gravel Hill School No. 84 with pasturized milk and hot lunches, and spending her winters in Florida; and

Whereas, a determined woman who once captured a burglar after he had broken into the station and had collapsed after running four miles, Mae Gorrell has been abundantly blessed with a loving family whose members include her two daughters, Ida Pearl Gorrell Franks and Delma Elaine Gorrell; her grandchildren, Ida Michele Franks Munzlinger and her husband, Brian Lee Munzlinger, and Lisa Renee Franks Gorrell; and her great-grandchildren, Clint Lee and Lea Suzanne Munzlinger:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and birthday greetings to Mae Gorrell as she proudly celebrates one hundred years of achievement, and in wishing her tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as she continues her journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Mae Clark Gorrell, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Munzlinger
District No. 1

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1411, adopted

April 5, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker